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1. On 29 September 1953, the Seeckt-Kaserne and the Nachrichten Kaserne, Magdeburg, were occupied by rear details, while the Flak Kaserne, the Encke Kaserne and the Herrenkrug Kaserne were lightly occupied and the Hindenburg Kaserne was partially occupied. Between 19 and 29 September, [ ] did not observe any loadings or unloading at the Friedrichsstadt railroad station and the Alter Viehhof loading ramp. On 25 September, a shipment of 19 JS-3 tanks, [ ] seen at the Guesen railroad station, with the engine headed toward Aschersleben. [ ] new troops from the USSR arrived at Altember during the period under review.

2. Troop trains observed on the northern railroad bridge in Magdeburg included a train including 9 boxcars and carrying about 10 rocket launchers and numerous trucks, at about 6 p.m. on 15 September, was seen en route toward west; and a train, which included at least 4 flatcars carrying guns and, at about 7:15 a.m. on 16 September, was seen en route toward east. [ ] Troops and material passing the Herrenkrugbruecke in Magdeburg included 12 T-43 tanks and 1 tank hull which, at about 0:30 a.m. on 16 September were seen en route toward east; 10 radio and 2 trucks which, at about 11 a.m. on 26 September, were seen en route toward east; 8 trucks with signal equipment at about noon; and, during the afternoon, individual vehicles carrying billeting equipment.

3. At about 10:30 a.m. on 21 September, 8 tank trucks, [ ] were seen in Colbitz, proceeding toward Magdeburg. At about 2:15 p.m. on 17 September, about 40 T-43 tanks and 1 SP gun were entrained at the Kirchmoeser railroad station. At about 9 a.m. on 26 September, 8 rocket launchers and about 20 trucks, [ ] were detrained at the Genthin railroad station. It was rumored that the troops went to maneuvers in the Percy-Ferchland area. About 60 flatcars and numerous boxcars were assembled at the Genthin railroad station. [ ] At about 1 p.m. on 26 September, T-43 tank [ ] was entrained in Kirchmoeser.

4. Between 8 and 20 September, the following Soviet documents were found in the Flak Kaserne, the Encke Kaserne and the Anker Kaserne in Magdeburg:

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1. [ ] Comment. Hq units of the Third Shock Army from the Encke and Flak Kaserne and units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div from the Herrenkrug Kaserne probably participated in the fall maneuvers of the army in the area south of Stendal, on either side of the Elbe River, in late September. See [ ] 25X1A
- [ ] . The movements on Herrenkrugbruecke on 26 September probably were connected with these exercises. □ 25X1

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2. [ ] Comment. Possibly a shipment of the Eighth Gds Army, although the tank [ ] may belong to the 19th Gds Mecz Div. However, a shipment of this division in the direction mentioned appears rather improbable.

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3. [ ] Comment. The shipment seen on 15 September probably was the train with shipment [ ] west. 25X1
- from Altengrabow to Rathenow with units of the 25th RL Brig and, on 16 September, possibly went from Mechterstaedt to Altengrabow.

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4. [ ] Comment. The troops detained in Genthin were units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps which, according to reports on transportation, on about 11 trains went from Schwerin and Hagenow to Genthin to participate in the known exercises in the area south of Stendal, on either side of the Elbe River.

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